## Quick Facts

Rep. Devin
Nunes maintains
two offices in the
21st Congressional District to
serve the needs of
his constituents.

His main office is in Visalia at 113 N. Church St., Suite 208, 93291. The telephone number is 733-3861.

His Fresno
County office is in
Clovis at 264
Clovis Ave., Suite
206, 93612. The
telephone number
is 323-5235.

## Work on K Street Overpass Begins

On Thursday April 20th, Congressman Devin Nunes, along with a number of city and county officials, kicked off the start of the K Street overpass improvement project. In 2003, the California Department of Transportation found that the K Street off-ramp from Northbound Highway 99 did not meet safety standards and subsequently closed down the ramp. The closure was quite the headache for folks trying to travel to the Ag Center, southern Tulare, or to the Tulare Industrial area. The completion of this project will restore traffic flows to this growing region.



Rep. Nunes, flanked by CHP Officer Mark Walker (left) and Tulare Mayor Richard Ortega (right), applaud the start of the project

"Having a safe and adequate off ramp on the south side of Tulare near the Ag Center is a necessity for the community's long term health and viability," said Rep Nunes. He added, "This is just one of the many improvements that is needed on Highway 99, and I look forward to addressing more of the transportation needs in Tulare and Fresno counties."

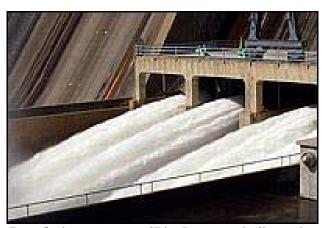
With the assistance of more than \$1 million in federal dollars secured by Congressman Nunes, the project will remove the existing Northbound left lane exit ramp and make a new off-ramp near Avenue 200. Work will also include improved lighting and sound reduction materials for surrounding neighborhoods.

## Flooding Leads to Large Releases from Friant Dam

Upon being informed that water managers had to release more than 8,000 cubic feet per second (cfs) from Friant Dam due to weeks of heavy rain, Congressman Nunes contacted the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation and convinced them to develop a market for this water as soon as possible by eliminating all required payments.

In doing so, folks who could not previously afford the water were able to relieve some of the flood flow. Furthermore, it provided an opportunity for water banking so the San Joaquin Valley can survive during dry years.

"The first priority is to ensure that we are doing everything possible to allevi-



Excess floodwater streams out of Friant Dam as a result of heavy rains

ate downstream flooding and water loss," said Rep. Nunes.

As the crisis receded, Congressman Nunes took the opportunity to continue pressing for additional storage projects, "This is another prime example of the need to create more above ground storage on the Upper San Joaquin River. Failing to do so will lead to more floods, which we can't afford to have happen."